REMARKS

Claims 1-27 are pending in the present application. Claims 4-11, 13-14, 18-24 and 26-27 are canceled. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. 35 U.S.C. § 121

The Office Action requires a restriction to one of the following scts of claims:

- I. Claims 1-3, 12, 15-17 and 25, drawn to a method, a system and a computer program product directed to distributed computing, classified in class 709, subclass 201.
- II. Claims 4-6, 13, 18-20, and 26, drawn to a method, a system and a computer program product directed to executing a worker application, classified in class 717, subclass 103.
- M. Claims 7-11, 14, 21-24 and 27, drawn to a method, a system and a computer program product directed to supplying a computer against a request and billing for the same, classified in class 705.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects invention I, claims 1-3, 12, 15-17 and 25, without traverse.

Claims 4-11, 13-14, 18-24 and 26-27, to non-elected, are hereby canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. It is respectfully urged that the subject application be reconsidered.

II. Conclusion

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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